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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 5018 SENT SECSTATE INFO MOSCOW
NICOSIA ATHENS ANKARA LONDON DATED AUG 2.

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S E C R E T GENEVA 5018

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

AMBASSADOR MININ AND ASSOCIATE CALLED AT THEIR REQUEST ON AMBASSADOR
DALE AND DCM. MAJOR PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO ASCERTAIN ASST.
SECRETARY BUFFUM'S PLANS WITH RESPECT TO FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.
SECOND PURPOSE WAS TO PROBE US POSITION ON POLITICAL FUTURE OF CYPRUS
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2. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REPEATED INCREDULOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT BUFFUM,
WE SAID WE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD BE RETURNING FOR AUG. 8
NEGOTIONS AND THERE WAS INDEED POSIBILITY HE WOULD NOT BE
COMING. MININ WAS VISIBLY DISTURBED AT THIS RESPONSE AND CONFESSED
THAT IF BUFFUM IS NOT HERE IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFUCULT FOR HIM
TO REMAIN.

3. MININ EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION THAT THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT
INCLUDED NO PROVISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND AND IN PARTICULAR

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FOR "ITS SOVEREIGNTY". QUESTION OF CONTINUED INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS

WAS CLEARLY ONE WHICH WAS FOREMOST IN HIS MIND AND HE INVOKED SPIRIT OF DETENTE AS REASON FOR US AND USSR TO WORK TOGETHER GENERALLY ON CYPRUS QUESTION AND PARTICULARLY ON MAINTAINING ITS SOVEREIGNTY. IN THIS CONNECTION HE ALSO BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF FUTURE OF MAKARIOS. WE OF COURSE MADE NO COMMENTS OTHER THAN TO INDICATE THAT (A) MAKARIOS IS RECOGNIZED HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, (B) CLERIDES IS ACTING HEAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTION.

4. IN DEPARTING MININ MADE PLEA FOR CONTINUED CLOSE CONTACT. WE AGREED WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH AND WOULD LET HIM KNOW OF PLANS FOR COVERING FUTURE MEETINGS.
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